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Title :	NOVEL PIPERIDINE DERIVATIVES FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF CHEMOKINE MEDIATED DISEASE STATES		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed November 29, 2007, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-7 and 9, drawn to compounds of formula (I), in which X is O and R¹ is phenyl. Applicants further elect Example 1 as the single species for prosecution. Specifically, Example 1 is a compound of formula (I), in which R¹ is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, X is O, R^c is H, Y is a bond, R^a is H, Z is CO₂H, and R² is phenyl. The election is made without traverse.

Applicants note that the Examiner has identified that claim 12 (i.e., Group V) relating to methods of using the compounds of formula (I) and claim 8 (i.e., Group VI) relating to methods of preparing these compounds constitute separate inventions. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin one or more of the non-elected method claims upon allowance of the elected claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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